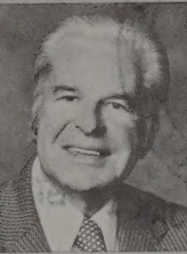


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Meeting God At The Bridge

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I would like for you to step with me into the open door of 1978 with a heartfelt acceptance of this powerful message God gave to the members of the Executive Council by interpretation. I believe He is wanting us to receive it from the very depths of our being as a challenge for this year. Dare to see *what the Lord your God will supply for YOU!*

"The Lord would call you, my sons and daughters, to lift your heads with a new expectation of power and glory. He would have you to see in these hours of your life as a family that He is breaking from your neck a yoke imposed upon you by your adversary and how much it has restricted you. Now, the Lord declares to you that the anointing which has come upon you of recent days is breaking that yoke. Lift your head! For as the yoke is broken you will find it easy to continue with your head in the bowed position of the past yoke. But, lift up your heads for your redemption is come!

"Listen, for I will tell you what the yoke has been which I break now. It has been a yoke of poverty. Understand! For the poverty has been not only in terms of funds and finances, but a poverty of spirit and of mind; a poverty of living in the joy of your Lord's life, His miracles, ministry and gifts.

"But, you *will* learn these as you enter new

dimensions of praise. Lift your head. Even as you have begun to commit yourself to praise, continue. Yes, lift your head in praise and the multiplied wealth I *will* for you *shall* flow.

"As the Scriptures say of My Son when the multitudes gathered to worship Him, saying that unto Him are *riches*, as well as glory, honor, praise, might and dominion [Rev. 5:12], the Lord would have you see that His riches are now to be released unto you, and He calls you to lift up your head. Look! For there shall be a flow of all things from the Lord your God toward you. He tells you to look up lest you miss receiving what He pours forth. Looking up with worship prepares you to receive, for thereby in praise you are looking to your source. Into the vessel of your own hearts, your congregations, and into the cities where I have sent you, there is a store of riches which I will pour forth.

"Now, look up! Reach out. Receive the anointing which will heal the place where the yoke has bruised you. Be healed and find yourself free to receive and continue looking up in faith. Come with expectation for in the season He sets before you there shall be an abundance of bounty. The yoke of poverty is broken. Now see what the Lord your God shall supply."

Dr. Rolf K. McPherson
President

Jan. 1, 1978 marked the **55th Anniversary** of the opening of **Angelus Temple**. Special services were conducted to celebrate this occasion.

The 1978 Spring Semester for **LIFE Bible College** in Los Angeles will commence on Jan. 16. The college will host **Dr. Doug Roberts** of Victoria, B.C. for its Growth in Ministry Seminar scheduled Jan. 18-20.

National Director of Youth and Christian Education, **Rev. John Bowers**, attended the Denominational Executives Christian Education annual meeting held at the Spiritual Growth Center in Chicago, Ill. Dec. 7-9.

Missionary Conference Workers, **Rev. and Mrs. Elmer McCammon**, ministered in the **Great Lakes District** during the fall months.

Newly elected and appointed officers of the Council of Foursquare Men include: **Gary Coop-**

er—International Vice President, and; **Dick Kujath** and **Paul San-**
ner—District CFM Presidents in the Midwest and Great Lakes Districts, respectively.

Dedication of church sanctuaries and facilities in recent months took place in the Foursquare Churches of **Newport, Ore., Benton, Ark., and Trona and Ridgecrest, Ca.**

The annual **Sunday School Training Conference** of the Southern California District will be held Jan. 27-28 in the **Burbank, Ca.** Foursquare Church.

Dr. Charles Hollis, pastor of Moline, Ill. Gospel Temple was one of the featured speakers at the Greater Los Angeles Sunday School Association's Convention held in Los Angeles, Ca. This convention marked **GLASS's 25th Anniversary**.

The **Evangelical Teacher Training Association** recently dedicated its new Headquarters facilities in

Wheaton, Ill. The agency, founded in 1930, seeks to encourage high standards among Christian educational institutions.

PRESENT WITH THE LORD

Merle N. Davison, Gustafo E. Nikander, Lorene Thatcher.

The Foursquare Organization expresses sincere sympathy to the families and friends of the 39 persons killed in the dam tragedy on the campus of the Toccoa Falls, Ga. Institute which is affiliated with the Christian Missionary Alliance Denomination. LIFE Bible College and its students sent a monetary gift to the Institute to assist in its recovery operation.

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Cover: La Puente, Ca. Foursquare congregation leaving sanctuary. Photo Credits: Dan Phelps—page 7.

INSIDE OUR FOURSQUARE FAMILY:

COMMUNITY CONCERN: CHURCH:

**Pastor's Efforts Bring
Ambulance Service
To Desert Community**



Pastor Melvin Wilson of the Trona, Ca. Foursquare Church has contributed of his time and effort toward providing an ambulance service for this remote and rural, desert town. Many obstacles and problems were encountered, but by his perseverance and leadership an ambulance service was started.

Exploring government agencies with funding for emergency medical services and being denied, Pastor Wilson, who also served as Medical Services Chairman for the Searles Valley Community Services Council, drove an old ambulance in a parade with appropriate banners. The ambulance had been given the Council by a chemical concern after it purchased a new one. Through his efforts, a used ambulance was located which seemed within the community's capacity to purchase.

Next, volunteers to run the ambulance service needed to be recruited, rules of operation set up, and the service put into operation. A non-profit corporation was established to operate the ambulance service and Rev. Wilson was named president. Pastor Wilson also negotiated with a nearby college to provide courses, taught by a local nurse, to train volunteers to qualify for Emergency Medical Technician certificates.

Many opportunities to minister to the sick (and their families) presented themselves to Rev. Wilson through the ambulance service.

Although Rev. Wilson could not remain active in the ambulance service due to the duties of his pastoral ministry, he built a living service monument to his creative and determined efforts to provide this service to his community.

**Anniversaries
Fullerton, California**

Members and friends, present and former pastors of the Fullerton, Ca. Foursquare Church gathered recently to celebrate the church's 50th Anniversary of ministry.

Dr. Sidney Correll, President Emeritus of United World Missions, was the featured speaker at the Sunday Morning Worship Service, reports Pastor Robert Jones. Dr. Correll pioneered the Fullerton Church and served as its first pastor. Former pastors who shared in the service included: Rev. Mrs. Harold W. Jefferies, Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Plies and Rev. Norma Musgrove. Mrs. Musgrove represented her mother, the late Rev. Ada Teeple, who pastored the Fullerton Church for 22 years.

The evening Service was highlighted with a presentation of a lovely plaque of recognition to the Fullerton Church by Southwest District Supervisor, Rev. John Holland, on behalf of the International Church. Rev. Holland also brought an inspiring message that challenged the congregation to another 50 years of ministry.



Rochelle, Illinois

Forty years of ministry was recently celebrated by this congregation, reports Pastor Vincente Defante, Jr., with District Supervisor, Rev. L. T. Charter, speaking at the three services conducted. Former pastors present included: Rev. Mary Ewbank, pioneer pastor, and; Rev. Earl Hobson who built the present structure. Divisional Superintendent, Rev. Norman Eddy also attended.

An adjoining lot, used for parking was dedicated on this occasion. The city's Mayor was present to greet the guests.

**District Fall Conferences—
Conventions Held**

The fall months saw the ten Foursquare Districts in the United States and Canada meet at various locations for their annual Conventions and Conferences. In each convention God ministered through His Word and in the power of the Holy Spirit which resulted in a strengthening of the Church as each minister and lay delegate returned edified to his local church body.

HEADQUARTER'S MINISTRIES:

**President McPherson
Ministers In
Central America**

Eight days of ministry took President Rolf K. McPherson to Foursquare Churches in Honduras, Guatemala and Nicaragua, Nov. 21-28, 1977.

Present for the 25th Anniversary celebration of the Foursquare work in Honduras, Dr. McPherson was the special speaker at the Anniversary Convention which was held in Tegucigalpa. He then ministered in Guatemala City, Guatemala and Managua, Nicaragua as well as meeting with missionaries, Revs. and Mmes Irvin Espeseth and Jerry King.



Conventioners attending the 25th Foursquare Anniversary Convention held in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. Missionary Edgar Coombs—left forefront.



Pentecostal Fellowship of North America's Board of Administration met at the recent PFNA Convention in St. Johns, Newfoundland. Foursquare's General Supervisor, Dr. M. E. Nicholls (standing, third from left) is a member of this Board.

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Dr. Raymond Cox, whose feature, "Current Events and Comments" appears regularly in the *ADVANCE*, pastors the Salem, Oregon Foursquare Church. A gifted writer who has travelled extensively in the Middle East, Dr. Cox's writings appear in major Christian periodicals.

If the woman taken in adultery had been caught instead in homosexuality, would Jesus have said to her something less merciful than, "Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more" (John 8:11)?

"Homophobia is a term used in recent years to describe an intense fear of homosexuality," wrote Letha Scanzoni (*Christianity Today*, Sept. 17, 1974, p. 11). The hatred some Christians harbor against this abomination sometimes seems to stripe such perversion as an unpardonable sin.

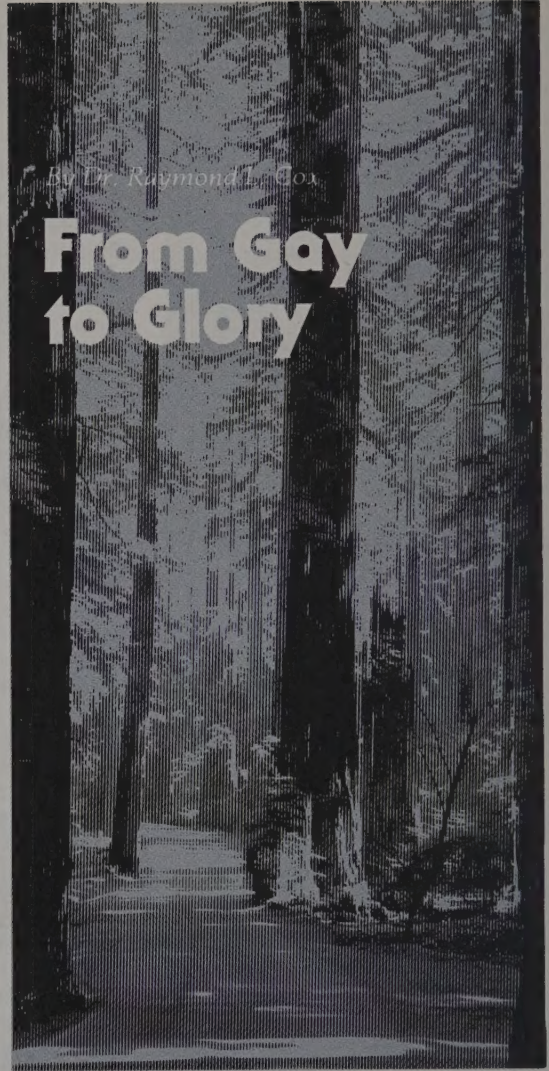
However, many counter that homosexuality is not sin at all. Some of these do deplore the practices as symptomatic of mental and emotional problems or physical sickness. But even among churchmen there surface champions of the deviation who insist that homosexuality should not be considered objectionable in the least. A slogan prates, "Gay is O.K." Some brazenly sport lapel pins claiming, "I'm a Gay Christian". Dr. Ralph Blair of New York wrote a letter to a religious newspaper recommending, "Let's open our eyes to the good gay Christians around us" (*National Courier*, May 13, 1977). Jonathan Paul of Chicago styled himself as a "born-again homosexual" in a letter to the same publication (April 1, 1977).

Efforts to expose Biblical heroes as homosexuals approach the epitome of blasphemy. David's obvious attraction to women ought to be enough to discredit such nonsense about his relationship with Jonathan, to whose sister the future king was married. And believers all over the world applauded the July 11, 1977 conviction in London, England of the British newspaper *Gay News* and its editor Denis Lemon of the crime of blasphemous libel for publishing a poem that depicted Jesus Christ as a homosexual. Why is it that champions of social deviations seem constrained to try to make their perversions acceptable by attributing their deviations to respected celebrities, as polygamous sects, for example, have portrayed Jesus as married to Mary and Martha? The utter desperation of the attributions debunk the credibility of the claims!

But still the partisans protest that homosexuality is a normal lifestyle. Some insist it is inevitable for certain individuals, determined incurable in their adolescent development. But is it normal? Is it natural and consistent with God's order, as champions claim? I told the Oregon Legislature's committee which studied a

By Dr. Raymond Cox

From Gay to Glory



Gay Rights Bill, "The only way any homosexuals could prove that their orientation is normal would be for a pair of male homosexuals (or a pair of lesbians likewise) to beget and give birth to a baby." That won't happen.

Moreover, in the ecology of words, the term "gay"—once respectable and pleasant—has probably been polluted beyond possibility of rehabilitation by its adoption as a description of homosexuals. That "gay" really *isn't* O.K. was demonstrated early in 1977 when a chain of Oregon clothing stores for men which for years displayed the name, "The Gay Blade," dropped the adjective and now the signs read "The Blade". The change reminds me of James 3:2. The King James Version has "gay clothing". No modern speech New Testament would now use that adjective there.

That homosexual practices are sin cannot honestly be disputed in the light of an open Bible. Both Testaments thunder divine wrath against such perversions. God incinerated Sodom and her sister cities specifically in

judgment against this abomination. Homosexuality may no longer be a crime in most parts of America but it is still a sin under God's government. In Leviticus 20:13 God legislated homosexuality as an abomination requiring the death penalty in Israel. In I Corinthians 6:9-10 Paul proclaimed unequivocally that no homosexual will inherit the kingdom of God (cf. esp. R.S.V.). Unrepentant gays are among *"the abominable"* who *"shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death"* (Rev. 21:8). The scorching indictment of Romans 1:26-32 paints practicing homosexuals into a corner where they are stranded without God in their knowledge, where they are plagued with a reprobate mind (no other kind of mind could justify the perversion), and filled with all unrighteousness. In the light of such scriptures how can anyone seriously claim to be or see a "good gay Christian"?

However, homosexuality is never an unpardonable sin—unless its victim refuses to receive pardon. Christ's promise, *"Him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out"* (John 6:37) is extended to homosexuals. The same Jesus who forgave the woman taken in adultery offers equal mercy to gays as well. But hear His complete word: *"Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more."*

But homosexuals can't help it, carp some critics. Genetic considerations lock many into this lifestyle. Psychotherapist Ralph Blair wrote, "I have not seen any evidence of conversion to heterosexuality on the part of a homosexual who accepts Christ as Savior" (*op. cit.*). Perhaps Dr. Blair can't find a transformed ex-gay for the same reason a thief can't find a policeman!

This magazine carries on page 6 a reprint of Alan Greenberg's testimony, "I Was Gay, but Now I'm Happy". He received salvation in 1970, received the baptism with the Holy Spirit in 1971, and married in 1972.

The Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Presbytery of the United Presbyterian Church of the U.S.A. declared last year, "Biblical authority is clear and unequivocal that the practice of homosexuality, like prostitution, adultery, and fornication, is sin" (p. 3, *Presbyterian Layman*, June 1977). Rev. Leroy Baker states, "Active homosexual behavior occurs through an act of the will which is provoked by circumstances. The behavior becomes habitual and the only way of breaking the habit is through the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God" (*International Pentecostal Holiness Advocate*). The Gospel succeeds where the best psychiatry and psychology fail.

Gays can be changed by the power of Christ. The church must not only maintain her Bibli-

cally based conviction that homosexuality is sin, but must give equal—or even greater—emphasis to likewise Biblically based compassion for sinners whom God loves and wants to save and transform. The same grace which offers forgiveness to adulterers and murderers and just plain unbelievers offers forgiveness to homosexuals.

In the apostolic church of the first century we have an account of homosexuals receiving Jesus and forsaking their previous sins. Most people are aware of the heterosexual corruption and immorality of ancient Corinth, where Aphroditē's Temple sponsored a thousand sacred prostitutes who when business was slack descended from the top of the Acro-Corinth to the streets of the Greek city wearing bells on their ankles to attract customers. Jesus was active in ancient Corinth not only in delivering heterosexual sinners but also freeing members of the large homosexual party there. Homosexuality abounded in ancient Greece to the extent that a proverb declared, "A woman for children, a man for love." To the Corinthians Paul wrote, *"Do not be deceived; neither the immoral... nor homosexuals... will inherit the kingdom of God"* (I Cor. 6:9 R.S.V.) Anyone then or now who thinks otherwise is deceived. But the Apostle continued, *"And such were some of you"* (vs. 11). They were once, but not any more. Jesus had not saved them in their sins but from their sins. *"Such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God"* (I Cor. 6:11 R.S.V.). Do you realize what that last transaction meant? It meant that God looked upon the repentant justified homosexual "just as if he'd never sinned." The former gays were "just as just as Jesus." God blotted out their transgressions and refused to remember their sins (cf. Isa. 43:25). Gays can have Gospel liberation!

The Church has a responsibility to minister life to spiritually dead sinners of every stripe. But you hinder life if you condone abominations God condemns. We must love the sinner while we condemn his sin. Compassion is the word, even when political action against so-called "Gay Rights" is indicated. I'll never forget Anita Bryant's tears after about 150 gays walked out of her meeting when she read I Corinthians 5:9-10, the passage which, as seen above, excludes practicing homosexuals from God's kingdom. She wept because they would not wait to hear the good news of verse 11 which reported liberation from the practice as a consequence of being washed, sanctified, and justified. God's grace is sufficient as for any unbeliever. Jesus says to all who repent, *"Neither do I condemn thee: go, and (practice) sin no more."* [4]

I Was Gay but Now I'm Happy

By Alan Greenberg

Homosexuality, despite the great increase of public attention it has attracted in recent years, remains a dark mystery to most people and a nearly unmentionable sin among Christians. The Bible records Jesus forgiving the adulteress, the thief, and even the very soldier who was nailing His sinless body to the cross. Nowhere do we read that a homosexual sought or was granted His pardon. Does this mean that sin is so unspeakable and so filthy that even the blood of the Lamb cannot suffice to wash away its shame? God forbid! I know that Jesus loves the homosexual because He sought me when I was trapped in the "gay" life and made a new creature of me. Praise His name!

I was brought up in a Jewish middle-class home where God's name was heard more often in an oath than in a benediction. My sister and I were taken as children to the local synagogue but that came to a stop before I reached the age of bar mitzvah (coming of age in the Jewish faith). Ours was a home rich in material blessings, but very deficient in family love and altogether ignorant of the surpassing love of God.

The signs of emotional disturbance showed up earlier in my sister than in myself. Before she was sixteen she had run away several times and was continually in trouble with the school and civil authorities. In my own efforts to submerge my feelings of loneliness and anxiety, I became an impassioned student and won several scholarships which enabled me to attend a fine university.

I "came out" as a homosexual at the age of twenty-one. I had just broken an engagement with a childhood sweetheart, and my sister came to live with me in my apartment in New York. She had already entered the "gay life" as a teenager, and now she introduced me to her friends.

In a short time, I was caught up in the

illusory glamour and excitement of the homosexual half-world. I went to the private clubs and "cruised" all night in the streets or in the bars. Drinking was part of the atmosphere, and I wanted all the pleasure I could get. From the beginning I had wanted a stable relationship with another man, but I soon found that homosexuals are not able to love, but only pretend to love. I began to pretend, too, and in order to bring myself to indulge in so much promiscuity and pretense, I drank more and more.

The hunger in my heart for real love was never satisfied, even though I did have some affairs that lasted several months each. Meanwhile, I had finished college and two years of graduate school, and had taken an excellent position as a librarian in the City College of New York. I had lost so much of my self-respect that I concealed my homosexuality only from my professional colleagues. More and more I was despairing of ever finding love in my life, and often I had to struggle against a powerful suicidal urge.

In July, 1970, I went on vacation to Europe, intent upon having as much pleasure in one month as I could. I spent my days in museums and libraries and my evenings in bars and bath houses. On August 2, the last day of my vacation, I met K., in Copenhagen. As I had done so many times before, I went home with a man and spent the night with him. Two desperate souls had found one another and instantly, "love" sprang up between us. I promised to write, and a passionate correspondence ensued. Driven almost mad by my new devotion to K., I suddenly gave up my position at the library, sold all my furnishings, and flew to Copenhagen on September 14, 1970.

Our romance lasted scarcely a week before we discovered that neither of us was capable of loving at all. All we could do was demand love from each other, loudly and selfishly. While K. was at work, I wandered the streets of Copenhagen, crushed, disappointed, bewildered. I had gambled everything and lost. I was in a hell of remorse and hatred.

All my efforts to find work in Denmark were unsuccessful, and K.'s demands for money did not end with my arrival in the country. As a last measure before admitting failure to my friends and to myself by returning to New York, I decided to try to find work in Great Britain. I wrote to a great number of firms, and succeeded in making a few appointments for interviews. But then my spirit was so low, I didn't really care about a job very much, and spent most of my time in London in the Humanities Reading Room of the University of London Library. There I enjoyed the collection of fine literature by authors of every

nationality, and for hours I lost myself in the world of the imagination.

One day my eye settled on a volume called "What I Believe" in the collected set of Leo Tolstoy's works. Knowing Tolstoy only as a master novelist, I was curious enough to open the volume. There I read words that burned in my heart and I found answers to questions that I had never dared frame in my mind: What is the purpose of man's life on earth? What is the meaning of death? What does Jesus Christ have to say to a frightened man in an industrial society of the twentieth century? Suddenly my dilemma didn't matter any more when He said to me: "Come to me ye who labor and are heavily laden and I will give you rest." I knew nothing about this Christ and yet in my heart I knew that He spoke the truth. With that tiny scrap of truth I fed my starving soul, and leaped with joy as one risen from the dead!

I soon returned to New York, not defeated and ashamed, but filled with hope. The Lord led me to a mission to the Jews on 72nd Street (in a building I had passed on my way to group therapy sessions for two years and had never even seen). It was there that for the first time I heard the whole glorious Gospel and gave my life to the Savior who had revealed the glory of God to me in my darkest moment.

The Lord has led me through many trials and many triumphs since that day in December, 1970, including the unspeakable joy of the baptism of the Holy Spirit in August, 1971. I felt as if I would be swept into eternity by the overwhelming power of God's love, but instead I was borne up into a higher and purer walk with God. Where once was the bitterness and grief of sin, there is now contentment in my soul and the sweet fellowship of the saints. There have been temptations in the last few years, but through Christ, my homosexual lusts have been thoroughly defeated.

In February, 1972, I met a wonderful girl, a sister in the Lord, whom I married on June 10. God has blessed our union in the most wonderful way, and we look forward to a life together in the service of the Messiah.

Perhaps you are a homosexual, perhaps not. All that matters is that you are a sinner, and because of your sin there is no lasting happiness or peace in your heart. There is no sin too vile for Jesus to stoop and cleanse from you, if you will only receive Him by faith. Don't turn sadly or angrily away from Him: He loves you and He was willing to die for your sake on the cruel cross. Come and join a forgiven sinner and let us climb Mount Zion together to sing the praises of our great God and Savior! [4]

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THE LOCAL CHURCH:

La Puente is a Spanish name which means "the bridge" in English. A young couple settled in this cosmopolitan community to reach the lost for Christ. Together they "bridged the gap" of racism and age differences and built a solid foundation upon "The Rock" Christ Jesus.

By Capitola Gwillim

La Puente, California Bridge Builders In A Growing Community

"TWENTY-ONE YEARS AGO a small pioneer church opened in a place called La Puente." These are the words of the present Pastor, Reverend James Ritch. The church was pioneered in 1956 by Reverend Doloras Buckner.

Pastor Ritch and his wife, Mary Lou, had been ministering to the Rincon Indians. They lived and worked among them on the reservation in Escondido, California for four and one-half years.

The church they worshipped in was built by the Moravian missionaries, but had been abandoned. Under the inspirational leadership of Dr. Evelyn Thompson, who was the pastor of the Escondido Foursquare Church at that time, as well as the San Diego Divisional Superintendent, the Ritches reactivated the work on the reservation, built a parsonage, and evidenced substantial numerical and spiritual growth. They loved the people there, but felt a definite release to go to La Puente.

La Puente, they discovered, was a suburban community situated in the sprawling San Gabriel Valley, population 3500. Since that time the Valley has been divided into several areas: Rowland Heights, Hacienda Heights, Walnut and the City of Industry. The population today is 200,000.

Reverend and Mrs. Ritch were excited about the possibilities of reaching the people in this cosmopolitan community.

"We took the church", says Pastor Ritch, "with

about 60 people in it. Among them were Mexican families. That was good news because on the reservation our people were Mexican Indians. We determined to reach the community and prayed, 'Lord help us reach any person who comes in our door'."

With limited resources Pastor Ritch and his workers conducted a revival in the Spring of 1958. They printed some cards which simply read: *REVIVAL—Featuring the Holy Spirit Working through Believers.*

"In that revival," recalls Reverend Ritch, "people started a prayer chain around the clock. This lasted for seven weeks, until Easter Sunday. On Easter Sunday, 200 people thronged the little chapel, which seated 90. They were literally hanging in the windows. And it was raining."

The manifold blessings of the Lord were evidenced in that service. The La Puente Church would never be the same. Its future was in the making.

The first thing the people did was put a pastor on a salary. Secondly, they began expanding their facilities by building the new unit. From then on it was "knock down and build" to accommodate the growing of a young church.

La Puente entered the International School contest in 1964 and won in the 10-12 category. Pastor Ritch challenged his people to work, and they did! Their goal was 300. When he made it he declared that he would eat his hat on the church roof. This stimulated excitement. Even the local press was interested. The next day, over their goal by three, making it 303, the press came out, took Reverend Ritch's hat off the roof and gave them front-page coverage in the newspaper.

Pastor Ritch believes that this was a turning point in spreading the word that their church was there ready to minister to the community. Though not a prosperous church, God's care of their needs and performed a miracle in the sphere of developing ministries.

Relating to this, Pastor Ritch says, "One day I was called to the home of a sick lady. Her husband had been killed in an accident and she had received a \$300,000 judgment in the lawsuit. She handed me a certified check in the amount of \$30,000.

"After a lot of prayer we decided to double our sanctuary facilities and so started the building program. The sanctuary was completed through the labors of my Assistant Pastor, Forrester, volunteer labor and an unskilled man, Mr. John Zaffuto, who gave



Pastor Ritch eating lunch on church roof.

activities to help us. The Lord sent him, for \$1,000 a month we had his building contractor's expertise, tools, licenses and permits. This is incredible today. Mr. Zaffuto and the Lord and this was his way of showing

new sanctuary seats 300. It is fully air-conditioned, carpeted and adequately heated. There are educational units, a social youth center and plans are under way to add a day-care facility for children, approved by city regulations.

Over several years they have held two Sunday Morning Worship Services, with Sunday School scheduled between the services. They say they can handle a congregation of 500 without adding more room to the sanctuary.

The ministry of Reverend and Mrs. Ritch has been unique in that almost all their converts are predominantly of Latin descent. "It is such a joy," remarks Pastor Ritch, "to see men and women with their families turn from darkness to light after Christ comes into their lives. They are who they are in Christ Jesus."

After several years," he adds, "Enrique Zone and his father and mother have attended our church. They are from Argentina. By faith they had a Spanish Department in our church. During the morning Worship Services, Enrique Zone interprets the message, electrically, with earphones. They have their own services and are rapidly growing. They are a great service to a people who cannot speak English."

La Puente Church is a homogeneous worship, racially mixed. About 40 percent are Spanish, 10 percent are black and the rest is everything in between, from Filipino to Mexican. Their music and song service reflect the diverse cultures present. But all blend together in the song of praise unto God. Pastor and Mrs. Ritch believe in the scriptural definition of universal love. . .

"This shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye love one to another" (John 13:35).

Because of lack of finances through the years La Puente Church has not been able to bring outside leadership. This has proven a blessing in disguise, for out of this seemingly disadvantage they began to train their own leadership from within the body of the church.

The workers are productive. Their church administrator, a woman, is "literally running the church business and doing an outstanding job," states Pastor Ritch. The church Choir Director is a talented Mexican gentleman who has been an outstanding musician and who has been in the church for 10 years.

Pastor Ritch summarizes his philosophy in the following remarks:

"The Church must provide a place of worship and learning for its people. It must provide fellowship. We believe that people should eat together, have fun together and work together as a body of believers."

"I believe the Church should have a systematic benevolent fund to help people in the community in times of need. We have such a fund. This way we are able to help during emergencies without having to take a special offering."

"My conviction is that the Church has the awesome responsibility to reproduce itself in reaching out to a world that needs Jesus. That is why I believe in world-wide missions. We are not the largest missionary giving church, but proportionally to our congregation, a good part of our income goes to missions."

"We have taught our people to give regularly. They do not require a lot of emotional appeal, or a special project. They are committed and fulfill their obligations."

Because the prime objective of the La Puente Church has been to reach the community for Christ, countless numbers of folk could give thrilling accounts of conversion. Since space is limited it is impossible to report them, however, one recent conversion illustrates the personal concern of this people.

This testimony describes a special kind of back-yard evangelism. For years, a Mexican lady, who lives directly behind the church, had bitterly declared war against them. She shared a community driveway with the church. If a ball went over the fence into her yard, or if one of the church's vehicles was a little on her side, she became verbally hostile and unreasonable. Yet if she parked on their side of the property she did so without any compunction of wrong. These were difficult, trying times, but through it all the church exhibited Christian attitudes toward this woman. Just recently she visited the church, opened her heart to the Lord, was baptized in water and filled with the Holy Spirit. She says, "When I look in the mirror I can't believe myself. I live in the same house, have the same family, but I'm not the same me. I was so full of hatred and bitterness. Now I just feel love."

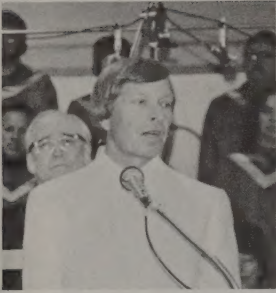
"That's what reaching the community is all about," reflects Pastor Ritch. The message of Matthew 25:36,37 and 40 has been a source of motivation to the ministries of Pastor and Mrs. Ritch. For 21 years in La Puente they have been forming, salvaging and building lives, working with the Carpenter of Nazareth. [4]



Top: Pastor and Mrs. Ritch (far left, kneeling and standing) with a few of their church youth at C.Y. Camp. Rev. Ritch has played a vital role in the Southwest District's Camping Program. Above: La Puente Church sanctuary. Below: A Sunday School teacher and his family.



The Ministry of the Holy Spirit in the Church Today



By Dr. Roy Hicks

Acts 2:4 and 2:47—"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance... Praising God and having favour with all the people... and the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." (... "Added to their number those whom he was saving" NEB.)

The revival today is a fresh breath of heavenly breeze, moving softly through the Church. We have seen many revivals. Some have come on harshly, with a strident roar of "hell-fire and brimstone preaching" usually spearheaded by a single personality. The revival of this day is vastly different. It has no human leadership or personality, but the personality of the Holy Spirit. It seems, in the last days, the Father willed to pour out His Spirit on all flesh, and that all honor would be to the Holy Spirit.

God's Holy Spirit has been doing His work, the work of God, for centuries, oftentimes misunderstood, grieved and scorned. He, the third member of the Trinity, has frequently been resisted by religious leaders. It was so in Jesus' day and is yet true today. This renewal began on the beaches, in coffee houses, home prayer meetings, and even on the streets. Thank God there were a few churches and pastors who recognized what God was doing and opened the doors of their churches to receive the fresh breeze that was sweeping literally thousands into the Kingdom of God! This number not only included the rebellious youth of the sixties, but also thousands in the denominational churches believed and received, including great numbers of Catholics and Jews.

We began to hear a sound we thought was never to be—the sound of glossalalia pouring forth from stained glass cathedrals! Who are they? Are they the same people who once believed tongues were of the devil, and who looked with contempt and aversion towards the "tongues speakers"? Yes, and they are now the people who are spiritually hungry. From whence did this great hunger come? Not from the preaching of the pastor, nor from any human source. The tremendous hunger and thirst came as a direct result of the precious Holy Spirit moving on the hearts of men. A hunger for reality, a hunger for the Word of God and a yearning desire to have close, hand-holding, embracing, pure fellowship with God's children.

The greatest of all hunger was the boundless hunger for the Word of God. Short, pulpit

sermons geared to the events of this day no longer satisfied. Today congregations give evidence of this as they are willing to sit for hours pouring over the Scriptures.

Thank God for our own churches (though few in number) that began to move with what God was doing and what He was saying. Yes, there was some resistance. Many church members were not ready to receive the new convert from off the streets. Many were not ready to turn and look into someone's eyes and sing, "I love you with the love of the Lord". There were many who were not ready to give up the familiar programs of security for the new emphasis. But many pastors and people tasted and drank, they were refreshed and said, "give us more". *Psalms 55:19 states, "Because they have no changes, therefore they fear not God."* Change is necessary. Why? Because when man leads, he leads in man's ways. When God leads, He leads in God's ways.

There is no specific formula in this current revival—no one to mimic. Do not try to do it because you will only be exchanging one man's ways for another. The Holy Spirit needs to move in different ways to meet different needs. The culture of one area will require one method of ministry while the culture of another area will require another ministry. The answer? Seek the Holy Spirit's way; ask Him what to do. Perhaps the Quakers 'had the right thought—they met together and did nothing until the Spirit moved them.

Now that we are experiencing revival, let us take solemn heed to the danger of turning this revival into a man directed, neo-formula. What we do now will determine whether the revival continues or becomes simply another system of religious acts. We do not hold one another's hands as a formula. It was a necessary action to help bring us closer together. We do not sing the Scriptures just to get away from the hymn-book. Rather, they have become a vital part of our worship and praise to the Lord. The pulpit was, in many cases, removed because it had become a barrier between pastor and people and the pastor felt the need to be where the people were.

Stay close to your brethren and be submitted to one another. Do not pull away, either with a new experience or revelation, or because you hold on to the old. We need each other in almost as great a measure as we need each member of the Holy Trinity—God, Jesus, and the beautiful refreshing move of the Holy Spirit. The current move of God's Holy Spirit is here to continue revival until Jesus returns. [4]

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION:

Los Angeles, California
February 22-28, 1978
"Living In God's Family"



GET READY! One of the finest expressions of spiritual renewal in 1978 is just ahead. The 55th Annual Convention of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel will be held in Los Angeles, February 22-28, 1978.

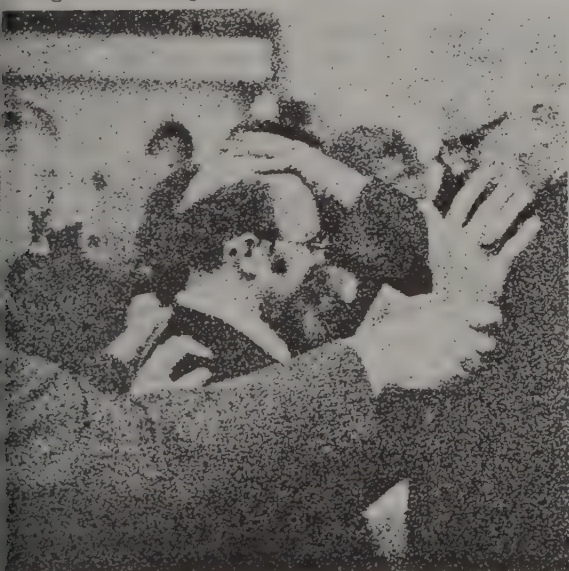
There are special features of the convention each minister and delegate should be aware of. Each day's activities will center around a theme of the day. "Living in God's Family" constitutes being taught in the Word, sharing together, worshipping as a family, finding individual callings and reaching out to minister. Each day one of these aspects of church and family life will be developed throughout the day. The evening services will feature a summary of the day's ministry and provide a time for the convention body to apply and retain the truths which have been received.

PROCLAMATION

Three aspects of ministry each day should be anticipated. First, the day will begin with a "proclamation" of the major theme. The first hour each morning will be filled with a message by such outstanding speakers as Reverend Jerry Cook of Gresham, Oregon, Dr. J. Daniel Baumann of Whittier, California, Reverends Irvin Espeseth of Guatemala, Ron Meyers of Korea and Wayman Mitchell of Prescott, Arizona. Dr. John Amstutz, Church Growth Consultant for the Fuller Evangelistic Association and instructor at LIFE Bible College, will speak at the 10:30 hour on Tuesday morning. These speakers will direct our attention to current concepts of church and family life. Their messages will set the topic for the day.

INSTITUTE

Next, the theme will be developed by applying the concept in "Church and Family Life



Institute" classes. These classes, scheduled as electives, will be institute level instruction conducted by ministers from various districts of the Foursquare Organization and service arms of the church. Each minister and delegate will choose at least one class and receive instruction in such important areas as Discovering and Developing Leadership, Managing Personnel and Finances, Developing Preaching-Teaching Ministry, Developing Council of Foursquare Men and United Foursquare Women's Ministry, Music Ministry in the Church, Counselling from the Word, Cross Cultural Communication by the Church, and Harmonizing the Church and the Home in Christian Education.

CONGREGATION

The evenings together will offer opportunity for summarization of the theme of the day and personal application of truth that the Holy Spirit is ministering to individuals. Efforts to involve the entire convention body in application and commitment will take the form of public services. Through music, giving, prayer, the Word and preaching, the entire body should be drawn into fuller understanding of what the Spirit is saying to the Church. Evening speakers will include Reverends Sidney O. Westbrook, Glenn Burris, Drs. N. M. Van Cleave, Jack Hayford, Reverend Felipe Ferrez and Dr. M. E. Nicholls.

HIGHLIGHTS

A highlight of the convention will be the premiere showing of the Foursquare International Mission's film on the land of Papua New Guinea. The film will dramatize the Foursquare Gospel ministry there which has resulted in changes of a Stone Age people through the light of the Gospel. The story will bring another part of our world-wide Foursquare family very close for those who attend International Convention. Our people will meet Eastern Highland warriors, missionaries, national ministers and the on-going Church, and learn how our Father has made them "family" to us.

"An Evening with the Family" is being planned Saturday night. This creative approach involving drama, music, and special personalities in sharing at the informal setting of Knott's Berry Farm will add a relaxed dimension to our times together. Sunday evening, a time of intimate fellowship for the entire Foursquare family will be ministered by the Van Nuys, California Foursquare Church in its presentation of Dr. Jack Hayford's new musical, "The Overcomers". This expression of "God's Family assembled to Worship" includes a communion service for the entire convention body.

Our Father has provided rich experiences of spiritual growth when we come together in His Name. The days just ahead can become some of your most profitable as you attend this outstanding time of refreshing in the Lord. [4]

DATELINE: Latin America

Panama—Do you believe that **God** can **penetrate** even the **darkest** places? He is doing that very thing, as stated in this report received from Missionary Edgar Coombs: "We've finally had a **break-through** in an area we've **prayed** about for many years! Our church has sent evangelistic **teams** and workers to a number of **villages** along the **Inter-American highway**. We just got word that the pastor and youth of our La Chorrera Church had a **revival** at the village of **Capira**. Over **100** people **accepted Christ** as Savior during the revival. They are now asking that a **church** be **started** among them. We are praying that this will be the first of many towns and villages, along this highway which desperately need Christ, to be **reached** with the Gospel message."

Ecuador—The Central Church in Guayaquil conducted a week of outstanding **evangelistic services** designed to reach the youth. The **theme** for the week was taken from Amos 4:12, "**Prepare to meet thy God**". Guest speaker was a pastor and radio minister from Chiclayo, Peru. During this week of services, **24** individuals were **converted** and **15** received the **baptism of the Holy Spirit**. "Of great significance," writes Missionary Jack Richey, "was the **move** of the **Holy Spirit** in the lives of the **people**, both young and old." After the **Word** was **preached** each night and the call to the unconverted was completed, the **altar** was **filled** with those who, in waves of conviction, made new **dedications** to the Lord.

Rev. Enrique Pazmino, National Director of Youth shares, "The **power** of the **Holy Spirit** was such that many of God's children were seen to **fall** on their faces

before God in a new encounter with Him and others received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. One outstanding **miracle** was the restoration of a Christian brother's **damaged vertebra**."

Colombia—During the six years of her converted life, Senora Belinda **suffered** much at the hands of her **unsaved husband**. One day her husband **forbade** her to ever attend church again. Although she obeyed him, she **fasted** and **prayed** for his **conversion**. The husband was to go on a business **trip** and **God** **warned** her if he made the trip **trouble** awaited him. He **ignored** her **pleas** and went on his trip, calling her a superstitious woman.

A few days later the **husband** was brought home in **great pain**. He went from doctor to **doctor** but each made the same **diagnosis**—his case was **hopeless** and he was **dying**. She would talk to him about his soul but he would **jeer** at her. She remained at his **bedside**, hour after hour, **praying** and appealing to God for His mercy.

Suddenly one day he turned to her and said, "Do you think **God** would ever **forgive** a person **so vile** as I?" He then **cried out** to God to **forgive** him and **save** his soul. God immediately **saved him** and within minutes he was **healed**. He called to the doctor and both the doctor and nurse came running. They were **dumbfounded!** The husband told them, "It is none other than the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, Who has saved my soul and healed my body." Now this man attends the Foursquare church regularly with his wife. Faithful **travail** is **rewarded** by God.

Foursquare missionaries **minister** primarily to the people of the country to which they are sent. But,

occasionally, God **opens the door** for them to minister to an **American** who is in that country. Such an opportunity presented itself to Missionary John Davies.

An American man in Colombia is **in jail** awaiting trial. Rev. Davies has been able to **visit** with him several times. This American shows a real **interest** in the things of God but makes it plain that he is **fed up** with what he calls, "**the Church**". Rev. Davies writes, "I have been able to **testify** to the reality of a personal experience with **Jesus Christ** and the certainty of the Lord's **promises** for us as individuals. This gentleman has told me that the months he has spent in jail have been one of the most **valuable times** in his life because he has had a chance to **think over** his past and future, and **examine** what he is doing with his life. I am just glad I have a real **answer** for this young man and am in a place where I can minister to him, although he is far from his own country and home."

Argentina—Ministers and delegates who attended the **District Convention** in the southern part of the nation saw **God move** in a wonderful way. There were approximately **500 present** each night and **800 attended** the closing afternoon. The guest speaker for the evening services was **Rev. Hector Gutierrez**, pastor of the Central Foursquare Church in Santiago, Chile. Two fine couples were **commissioned** to **pioneer** churches in **two cities** after a time of prayer and dedication.

Mexico—As Juan Gonzalez, a Bible School student, listened to the **news**, he heard the following **sad** story: A nine year old girl was **bitten** by a dog who had **rabies**. The **parents** were **unaware** of the dog's rabies for 15 days. When the cause of the illness was **diagnosed**, the disease



Left: Japanese children to be reached with the Gospel message. Top: Missionary and Mrs. Jack Richey shown with Pastors of the Central Church in Guayaquil, Ecuador. Left: Newly constructed church in Flores de Lean, Honduras which was destroyed in flood. Funds from churches in North America were used to rebuild this church and buy food for those whose crops were destroyed. (See stories, pages 12 and 13).

had developed to a point where nothing could be done to save her from **death**. The news media **warned** parents to be careful with their children and carried pictures of this little girl **tied down** to the hospital bed.

As Juan listened to radio reports, the **Holy Spirit spoke** to him to **go and pray** for her. When he arrived at the **hospital** he was **denied** permission to enter the room so he began **praying** in the **hall**, asking God to allow **His healing power** to flow into the sick child's room.

A short time later the doctors came to **check** on the girl. They were **amazed** at the **change and improvement** in her. God's healing power had accomplished the **impossible**. The doctors had expected her to **shortly die** an agonizing death. But **God raised** her up and a short time later she was home and able to go back to school.

Rev. Humberto Paz writes, "We praise God that He is raising up **young people** to **minister** and **share** Christ with others."

Honduras—Missionary Dean Truett sends this **exciting** report: "Last Sunday in the

Foursquare Church in Tegucigalpa **3 souls** came to the **Lord** and **4 more** were **saved** during the afternoon service in the marketplace. The **church** was **filled** again that night with people **standing** in the balcony, doorway and out on the street trying to see and hear. During that service there were **14 more souls** who found Christ as Savior. Praise God for all He is doing. I think we can say that this is a '**church on the move**', which phrase we used as our **theme** throughout 1977."

DATELINE: Asia

Japan—God has **opened** another **door** of ministry to our missionaries to Japan—Revs. Wilma Wright and Kay Springer. They have been **teaching English Bible Classes** to a group of elementary **children** as well as a group of junior high and high school **young people**. Now the **mothers** of these young people want another **class** for **adults**. The attendance in every class **has grown** steadily. "It is a **thrill** to conduct these classes because the Bible is a new book to these women," writes Kay Springer. "They have not been **polluted** with various doctrines and seem **ripe** for God's **harvest**."

DATELINE: The Pacific

Papua New Guinea—Pastor Soloma of **Gotomi** shares the following testimony: "As I went to one of the **villages** to minister I found the **wife** of the **village Leader** so **sick** that he could not leave her **bed-side**. This Leader always serves as my **interpreter** and I needed him for the service. I could not speak their language so I made a **sign** with my hands that I would **pray** for her. I did, and immediately she was **healed**. She got **out of bed**, picked vegetables from her garden and **cooked a meal** before church."

Does this not remind you of the healing of Peter's mother-in-law as recorded in Matthew, chapter 8? Jesus Christ is the same today! [4]



Rev. Wilma Wright, missionary to Japan.

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Western Canada	55,850.72

Healing Is For You

By Reverend Milton W. Ellithorpe

The following article was submitted by Reverend Ellithorpe for publication in the ADVANCE, two weeks prior to his passing. God saw fit to take this faithful servant to his heavenly reward, suddenly, on October 18, 1977.

Jesus Came to Heal, Not to Sedate

This is made absolutely clear in Isaiah 53:4, "He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows..." Albert Barnes, along with other noted authorities of the Hebrew language, states that the Hebrew words that are translated "griefs" and "sorrows" could be translated respectively, "sickness" and "pain". The terms "borne" and "carry" do not mean sympathy, but actually substitution and removal of the thing carried. Verse six reaffirms this, "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." We could not identify our sin, diseases and sicknesses with Him. Jesus identified Himself with our sicknesses and diseases. Dr. John C. Homes states, "Christ's Gospel could never have been delivered by one who was diseased." Jesus was tired, hungry, but never sick. Notice, this scripture (verse 6) opens and closes with the word "all". God has provided healing for you through the work of His Son, Jesus.

To protect the absolute validity of Isaiah 53:4, Jesus clearly refers to it by reference in Matthew 8:16-17, "...and healed all that were sick: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet..."

Healing is a Statute and Ordinance As well as a Promise

Exodus 15:25-26 states, "...there he made for them a statute and an ordinance, and there he proved them, and said, if thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt

give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: For I am the Lord that healeth thee." A statute is that which is enacted by the founder as a permanent rule. An ordinance is an established right for the administration of a sacrament. This explains why there have been so many physical healings during the communion service or the serving of the elements.

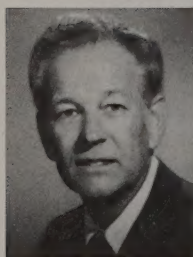
Paralyzed Prayers

The largest single refuge for unbelief that I have found among believers when praying for the sick is the statement, "If it is God's will." When an individual kneels at the altar, confesses Christ, accepts the promises of God, and then asks us if God has saved him, we do not answer, "If it is God's will". We know it is God's will because He died on Calvary to purchase our salvation. This same truth holds firm with healing at the whipping post. To put it simply, it is God's will that you be saved and it is God's will that you be healed. Jesus did not use the word "if" when praying for the sick. He used it only in his prayer of dedication relative to the "cup of death". Do not confuse, "If it is thy will" (when we are taking God-given authority over the adversary), and "Thy will be done" (in our hour of consecration). Be persuaded, healing is the practical plan of God for you. This differs from the theoretical or speculative idea that God may heal. Many failures devolve from doubts relating to God's promises.

The Practical Truth

The Holy Spirit revealed to me in Luke 9:11, "...and healed them that had NEED OF HEALING" the truth that some individuals do not need healing, they need to stop violating the rules to good health. I do not need to elaborate on the problem of an individual who over eats, weighing 350 pounds, complaining of foot trouble. In my study of the miracles of healing by our Lord in the New Testament, I have already found 24 different approaches used in healing the sick. Jesus touched some; others He warned to go and sin no more; in some instances He saw the faith of friends, and; He even healed without recorded conversation! Never endeavor to dictate the manner by which the Lord will heal you, nor the time. There is the crystalline moment when our faith and God's timing meet that bring the greatest glory to His Name and Kingdom.

For those of you who will receive it this moment, the following promise is yours: "And ye shall serve the Lord your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee" (Exodus 23:25).



RAYMOND COX:

current events & comments

"A Nation of Believers unwilling to rely on faith"—that is John Dart's assessment of contemporary America. George Gallup reports that more people believe than ever before (94% according to a 1977 public opinion poll). Sociologists offer statistics suggesting that more people misbehave than ever before. A chaotic multiplication of conflicting religions caused ethic professor W. Waldo Beach of Duke University to describe current American culture as "a practicing polytheism."

Something like that did happen on a smaller scale in ancient Israel. After the Assyrians exiled from the northern kingdom the most substantial citizens, they settled in the depopulated land captives from other areas who mixed with the dregs of Israelite society the conquerors left behind. From this developed the half-breed race which came to be called Samaritans. II Kings 17:33 reports that these people "*feared the Lord, and served their own gods*". They acted as a nation of professing believers who were unwilling to rely on the faith of Jehovah and consequently stooped to performing a practicing polytheism.

Now many gloomily complain that America has passed the point of no return, that our apostasies are irrevocable. They stand ready to write "*Ichabod*" over the nation so far as spiritual matters are con-

cerned. "*The glory is departed*," they bewail (cf. I Sam. 4).

But take another look! God is working wondrously in our country. Instead of wailing, "*Ichabod*", we should be shouting "*Immanuel*". Instead of complaining, "*The glory is departed*", we can confess, "*God is with us!*" Even if we do not feel that God is with us, we know He is present by faith, for His Word promises that presence with no statute of limitations. Preoccupation with apostasy, crime, delinquency, and the like, almost certainly prompt the expression "*Ichabod*". But faith in God's Word and focus upon God's evident works contradict "*Ichabod*" with "*Immanuel*". And if one insists "*Ichabod*" while another announces "*Immanuel*", there is no standoff, for "*Immanuel*" is mightier than "*Ichabod*", as light is stronger than darkness.



But the believer who confesses "God is with us, God is with me" is credible, not because of what he says but because he himself is a channel through whom the ever-present God manifests His presence. God is able to do exceeding abundantly above all we ask or imagine, according to His power which works in us (cf. Eph. 3:20). And how mightily God is working through His people. You'd have to be blind to miss the conspicuous evidences of the present day spiritual renewal. The media can't ignore it. The devil can't stop it. And we can be a part of it. Indeed, we need to confess that we are a part of what God is doing today. We claim "*Immanuel*". We confess "*Immanuel*". We live "*Immanuel*". More millions of believers than ever before are relying on faith! [4]

LETTERS:

35 Years Ago...

It was a surprise to see my picture and my Sunday School Class on page 9 of the ADVANCE [November, 1977 issue]. That was about 35 years ago.

H.G.

Article Ministers

BRAVO! Clap, clap, clap! I so much appreciated the "Blessed are the Flexible" article in the September issue of ADVANCE. Dr. Courtney hit the bull's eye in putting things in the right light.

S.L.

Missionaries Remembered

I enjoy the magazine very much and like the coverage that is given on the missionaries.

W.P.

I am 82 years old and not in good health. I have enjoyed all the good things in the ADVANCE, and I pray for the missionaries each day. The Lord has been so good to me and I have attended Faith Center [Eugene, Ore.] for several years till it got so I wasn't able to go.

J.C.

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